KNOXVILLE WHIG.

KNOXVILLE, TENN.
SATURDAY, JULY 14, 1860.

Constitutional Union Ticket.

FOR PRESIDENT:
JOHN BELL,
OF TENNESSEE.

FOR VICE PRESIDENT:
EDWARD EVERETT,
OF MASSACHUSETTS.

PLATFORM:
The Constitution, the Union, and the Execution of the Laws!

ELECTORAL TICKET:
FOR THE STATE AT LARGE:
BAILIE PEYTON, of Sumner.
N. B. HAYNES, of Carter.

Speech of Mr. Hayward.

On Saturday evening, Hon. B. HAYNARD addressed a very large, and an unusually attentive audience, in our city, upon the subject of National politics, and the Presidential question. He occupied the stand one hour and a half, and employed his first half hour in giving his constituents an account of his political stewardship, being a brief history of the legislation of the late Congress.

He then reviewed the doings of the four Conventions, putting forth the four tickets now before the country, taking them in the order in which they were held, and their nominations were made. He told the Democrats well of their boasted pretensions that they alone could save the country and perpetuate the Union. He showed that the Democratic party was in the last agonies of dissolution, divided, distracted, and disheartened, without the power to save itself. It had managed in three years, under Buchanan, to run $31,000,000 of dollars in addition to the current revenue of the Government. Wrest the spoils from its grasp, said the speaker, and its Northern wing would go over to Republicanism. Talk about the saving properties and nationality of such a party.

No candid and intelligent man believed there was even a remote chance to elect either Douglas or Breckenridge. Here he gave the electoral votes of the Union, and demonstrated his position.

While he regarded the chances of Lincoln decidedly good for an election, and would rejoice such an event, he maintained that if the Democrats and Conservative men North and South, would rally to the BELL and EVERETT ticket, as they ought to do, the Constitutional Union ticket would be successful. He showed that their men were Statesmen, worthy of elevation—that theirs is a truly National ticket—and that they were nominated by one of the most talented, patriotic, and harmonious Conventions of men, that ever convened in America for any similar purpose.

This speech was well received, and the speaker was repeatedly interrupted with bursts of applause. We never observed better order, or more marked attention to a political address. Indeed there is everywhere a disposition to listen with patience, and marked attention, a political address, from either side. The people want light, because they are honest—they want to do for the best.

O'Hara's Suit for Damages.

During the month of April, while we were absent in Virginia, a portion of our citizens took Tom. R. O'Hara, a young Lawyer, late of New York, upon a rail. Through kindness to the old man O'Hara, we made no mention of the occurrence in our paper. The young man left for Cincinnati, and the subject quieted down. Last week, the old gentleman, very imprudently, and as we believe, unfortunately for himself and son, instituted a suit for damages in the Federal Court in Knoxville, claiming TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS. The various citizens taken in the writ, are as follows: Thos. R. Swann, Dr. John Jackson, Wm. B. Smith, John Coker, Wm. Coker, Jas. Looby, C. D. Carlin, Abner C. Jackson, S. Thompson, James E. Cooke, Isaac E. Berry, A. C. Pressler, James S. Rule, and Wm. Lyons, Jr.

Young Mr. O'Hara, is a Catholic, so are all his parents, and in conversation at different times, it is said, and we have no doubt will be proven, spoke in terms of disrespect of *Protestant females*, taking no care to discriminate between any classes, but implicating all alike. On the particular occasion which brought on this difficulty, he is said to have unusually proclaimed that, if he could have some few hours of conversation with any of the Knoxville women, he could seduce them, or words to this effect, as we feel confident will be proven upon the trial. For the alleged offence, our citizens of all classes pitched in and rode the young man upon a rail.

We were not here when this occurred—we are not a party to the contract—but rather regret as we say, that the young man got off with a degree and kind of punishment, by no means greater than the offence charged. Before a jury of honest and intelligent men he had in all the length and breadth of East Tennessee, who will give *ten dollars* in the case of damages, after they hear the testimony and arguments. Mr. O'Hara has, however, acted wisely in avoiding our Circuit Courts, and Knox County Juries, for if there was law to authorize it, they would bring in a verdict against the plaintiff instead of the defendants. They may have some hope of obtaining a Jury of Catholics, in East Tennessee, and if this can be done, it was a wise and tact, in the highest degree, to bring the suit in the United States Court. The trial is calculated to turn upon the exciting question of Romanism and Protestantism. May the real issue be and will be, whether any man has a right to characterize mothers, wives, daughters, sisters and [illegible] and indeed all Protestant women as [illegible] or not? The Prosecution may not [illegible] but if they desire success, we [illegible] to keep the cause, whose inside principles, as a general thing, are *pharisaical*. For if there can be found a more high minded [illegible] with pride of character, veneration for female virtue, and devotion to the living and dead Mothers who bore them, and gave them [illegible] they will say to these fourteen men, in [illegible] *well done good and faithful* [illegible] And if we were one of the men [illegible] to the trial, and a jury of twelve men [illegible] in East Tennessee who would [illegible] for this offence, we would leave the [illegible] and remove to some country where [illegible] is appreciated!

New York for Douglas.

The Democratic Committee of the New York Democracy have had a large meeting in that city and declared for Douglas, at the suggestion of saving the State from the cohorts of Black Republicanism. They compliment Breckenridge very highly, but declare Douglas to be the nominee of the regular Democracy. The race between Douglas and Breckenridge seems to be close, but Douglas will run first.

The proceedings in regard to the case of JAMES BAKER came in at too late an hour for insertion this week. They shall appear in our next.

Rob Congress Fifth & Chestnut and the Treasury.

Under a recent act of Congress, passed the session of December, 1859, to the Committee of Ways and Means of the House of Representatives, and the Committees of each, are given all the powers of a Congress strongest at this session. It was therefore an object to our armored cruisers, to have the case fully stated, as provided for by the Constitution.

The House of Representatives has nothing whatever to do with the election of a Vice President, nor the Senate with the election of a President. The power of each body is distinct and separate, and each is entirely independent of the other.

If several tickets are run before the people, as is now the case, and no President is chosen by the Electors—as may possibly be the case this time—the House of Representatives chooses the President, their choice being restricted to the three candidates on the list, *having the highest number of Electoral votes.*

If no Vice President be chosen in the contest before the People, the Senate shall choose the Vice President, their choice being restricted to the *two* candidates on the list, *having the highest number of Electoral votes.*

If the House get into a heated contest, as in the case of electing a Speaker, and fail to elect a President before the 4th of March is gone, then the Vice President, whoever he may be, and whether elected by the Senate or the people, is President, and presides for the next four years to come, as in case of the death of the President. Hence, should the coming election go into the House, where the Opposition to Democracy, if united, are able to elect, they must do that thing before the 4th March, or the game is lost, the Senate being Democratic.

The manner of voting for a Vice President by the Senate, is exactly the reverse of that which governs the House in choosing a President. The House, representing the people, and voting *per capita*, voter for President by States, the delegation from each State having one vote, a majority of said delegation determining how that vote shall be cast, and to whom given. A majority of all the States being necessary to a choice, the successful candidate must have *seventeen* votes. The Senate representing the States, votes for Vice President *per capita*, each Senator being entitled to a vote, and a majority of all the Senators necessary to a choice.

These are the facts in the case, as laid down in the Constitution, and may be treasured up by our readers as correctly presenting the subject. The indications now are, that BELL and EVERETT will be elected by the People, and that the House will not be troubled with deciding the contest. From every quarter the news is cheering, and the constitutional Union Ticket is gaining ground daily. Good men and true, who think more of their country than of *party*, coming over to this ticket, at the North, and in the South, and we feel an abiding confidence, that by the close of the campaign the "sober second thought" of the conservative masses, will have brought them to the rescue of this, the ablest, the purest, and the most national ticket before the country.

The Homestead Bill.

The best act of old Buchanan's life, was his recent veto of the infamous Homestead Bill—a measure conceived in iniquity and brought forth in sin. Nay, it is the vilest Abolition measure ever introduced into Congress. Intended to Abolitionize the whole North-West, to defraud the old States out of their just and equal claims to the public lands, in order to divide it among the paupers of Europe, so as to manufacture *free-soil* voters for the political gamblers and shoppers who seek to aggrandize themselves at the expense of the peace and tranquility of the country. This wholesale attempt at robbery, and at building up the worst forms of Abolitionism was very properly vetoed by the President, through the influence of his Southern Cabinet counsellors.

But this spawn of demagogueism, and bait of Abolitionism, was attempted to be passed over the heads of Senators, by a two-thirds vote, and failed, although JAMES LANE, the nominee of the Southern Seceders for the Vice Presidency gave it his support! He is a pure old soul, voting side by side with Black Republicans and Abolitionists, to be a Southern ticket! The following is the vote in the Senate, on the last Saturday of the session:

The question was then put that the bill pass, the objections of the President notwithstanding; it was not passed, two-thirds not voting therefor, as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Anthony, Brown, Chandler, Clark, Doolittle, Durkee, Fessenden, Fitch, Foote, Foster, Gwinn, Hale, Hamlin, Harlan, King, LANE, Latham, Nicholson, Polk, Pugh, Rice, Simmons, Sumner, Ten Eyke, Trumbull, Wade, Wilkinson, Wilson—28.

NAYS—Messrs. Bragg, Chesnut, Crittenden, Fitzpatrick, Green, Hemphill, Hunter, Johnson, Johnson, of Tenn., Johnson, of Ark., Mallory, Mason, Pearce, Powell, Sebastian, Wigfall, Yulee—18.

$50,000 Reward.

LOST, Stolen or Strayed from its keepers, the great, glorious, national, harmonious, united, and unterrified DEMOCRACY. The last that was seen of the lost, was at Charleston, in South Carolina, on the 26th of April last, in a state of beastly intoxication, spending down in a Grocery, while its ostensible friends were hunting for it in gambling houses, houses of ill-fame, and in negro kitchens! It was reported to have been in a *Theatre* in Baltimore, one month after this, intriguing with certain Southern traitors to aid them in the overthrow of this Union. It left Baltimore drunk, between two days, and has been sober ever since, time crossing over Mason and Dixon's Line, engaging itself first to the fire-eaters, and then to the Abolitionists.

Its friends, who have wandered off into groceries and gambling hells, but now desire to re-unite their scattered forces, desire us to offer the above reward to any one who will restore it in its original beauty and harmony, and ask no questions as to where the money comes from to pay the reward!

Signed, RING OF THE MERCHANTS.

A Southern Roorback.

By a roorback, we mean an unmitigated falsehood, such as are manufactured by the lying and thieving leaders of the Democratic party, for effect in all great elections. The Washington *Star* starts out to the latest specimen of the genus, and reports that Mr. Douglas's name has been withdrawn from the Illinois Electoral ticket, and that Mr. Lincoln's name has been substituted in its place! Now, we know that Douglas will not withdraw his name, and we know that Lincoln's name is not on the ticket, and we know that the *Star* knows it, and that it is a lie, manufactured for the occasion, and for the purpose of deceiving the people. We have no doubt that Douglas will receive the electoral votes of Illinois, and that Lincoln will receive the votes of a majority of the people of that State, but not a majority of the votes cast, and that the election will be thrown into the House, where Douglas will be elected President.

Well done Breckenridge.

We have before us the famous Speech of John C. Breckenridge, delivered in the Hall of the Kentucky House of Representatives, at Frankfort, Jan. 21, 1858, by invitation of the Democratic Legislature of his State. After boasting of the success of the Northern Democracy, on the Slavery question, Mr. BRECKENRIDGE adds:

There is another element at the North, not large, but SOUND AND TRUE. It consists of the scattered cohorts of the *old Whig party*, of men like EVERETT, CHOATE and their associates, whose conservatism, culture, and PATRIOTISM REBELLED AGAINST THE ROTTENNESS AND TREASON of Black Republicanism. Besides these, there are many thousands in the Northern States *who seldom attend the polls*, and whose voices have not been heard amidst the clamors that surround them. To all these let an appeal be solemnly declared a general revolt of the virtue and loyalty of the country against the pernicious principles that threaten its safety, when all the forces are arrayed in their proper ranks, we shall be able to see what remains to hope or fear.

Humphrey Marshall.

The Democrats are boasting of the accession to their ranks of this big fat cross-eyed Kentucky Whig. He left us a year ago becoming embarrassed in his temporal affairs, and going to practice in the Court of Claims, with a view to build up his fortune, it was necessary to *turn Locofoco* in order to succeed before the Departments, and a Court, whose decisions would let him into the Treasury. In other words, when he determined to *engage in Democratic Work*, it was proper that he should sail under *Democratic colors*. Besides, he is a relative of Breckenridge, and can support him on that ground.

The Louisville *Journal* thus alludes to his change:

The Hon. Humphrey Marshall has publicly announced himself a Breckenridge and Lane Democrat. If he expected to surprise or disappoint anybody by the announciation, we guess he will be disappointed himself. Humphrey is an able man, but our party always have a corresponding anxiety as to what he would say, and what he would do, and where he would go. If we have lost him, we have, thank Heaven, lost the anxiety with him. We are sorry that it is difficult to fill his place in respect to ability, but glad that it is impossible to fill it so far as other things are concerned. Our opponents have got the elephant, and now we wonder what they will do with it. We don't think Humphrey will keep himself out of sight—his new friends will be sure to "see the elephant" before long. Well, let him "Hump" himself.

The Douglas Movement.

The Douglas party have a Convention called at Nashville, to form an Electoral Ticket, and will soon have it completed. They are making a strong move in Tennessee, and have bold and able men in their ranks, who are leading the movement.

They had an enthusiastic meeting at Nashville, at which V. K. Stephenson presided, Gov. Foot and others making speeches. At Memphis, the crowd in attendance on the late Douglas demonstration was estimated at TEN THOUSAND. Judge Dunlap presided, and such men as Judge King, Judge Wm. T. Brown, Col. Carroll, and others participated. Throughout the State, the Douglas men are in motion, and in their ranks are to be found, George W. Jones, Wm. H. Polk, Harvy M. Watterson, and hundreds who have been prominent in the ranks of Democracy. They take the ground that Douglas is the regular nominee of the Democratic party, and that the Breckenridge movement is a *Disunion movement!*

Startling Disclosures.

We have it from high Democratic authority, that the Douglas wing of that party will bring out proof to the effect that, when Breckenridge was nominated, it was understood that he had no chance for an election—that Lincoln's chances of success would be increased by it, and that if elected, it would give the South a pretext for going out of the Union! This infernal plot of Disunion, we hate all along suspected, and we are glad it is coming out upon Democratic authority. And if Breckenridge has lent himself for such unholy purposes, as we have no doubt he has, he ought to be hung in Effigy in every State in the Union. As for old Joe Lane, he has really no better sense than to go into any "Union Powder Plot" that will give him notoriety, and a chance for promotion. But come on with the proof, the country ought to see it, as Honest Democrats ought to see it, so as to appreciate the movement!

DR. FOWLKES.—Dr. Joptha Fowlkes, of Memphis, spent yesterday in our town, and left last night for his home. He is in better health than we have seen him for some time, and in fine spirits, in regard to the final success of the Southern Patriot Bateman, for which he has been laboring for years. He is just from Washington.

BALLOON ASCENSION.—Mr. Chas. Ceiser, the justly celebrated Aeronaut, is in our city, making arrangements for a grand balloon ascension, to take place at a very early period from the city. Due notice will be given of time and place.

Chattanooga Advertiser.

Cooper, of the Chattanooga *Advertiser*, being a Douglas man and unwilling to support Breckenridge, has sold out, and his successor has come out for Breckenridge: the man who boasts that he belongs to no party in favor of the extension of Slavery, and who held those years ago, that Squatter Sovereignty was the doctrine!

More Union-Savers.

The Douglas Democracy, and the Breckenridge rioters, all claim to have in view the salvation of the Union. Certainly we can, among hands, save the Union. While it is perfectly ludicrous to hear the supporters of a sectional movement speak of their devotion to the Union, it is a source of infinite amusement to others of us, who know the tendency of the Breckenridge faction!

Death of Dr. Rhoton.

We regret to learn that Rev. JOSIAH RHOTON died at his residence near Morristown, on Friday last, after a brief illness. We have known him as a consistent Minister of the Gospel, for thirty-five years, and for the last seventeen, he has been a successful practicing Physician. We have heard no particulars of his death.

THE STATE TRADE.—This pernicious traffic, now on the increase, and so much complained of, by good men South and South, attracts universal attention, and awakens pro and con reflections. It turns out that all the swords in the political trade are ground and steeled out at the North, by Northern men, who have Southern partners to conceal their purposes of sordid gain! Nay, the victims of slander, cruelty and outrage, from Congo River, are brought out South and sold by Northern scoundrels who belong to Anti-Slavery Societies in New England!

COAL IN LIBERIA.—President Benson writes that a vein of Coal ten miles in length has been discovered in Liberia. This discovery will at once give importance to Cape Palmas, as the East India, Brazil, Cape of Good Hope, and West Africa lines of Steamers will make one port convenient to the Coal a stopping place, and leave with the Colonists thousands of dollars, annually.

DEATH OF A PRINCE.—The steamer *Fulton* brings the news of the death of PRINCE JEROME BONAPARTE, the youngest brother of the deceased Emperor Napoleon. He died in the 76th year of his age.

The Whig vs. Rascals.

The following extract, floating from among the first men in Maries, will show that the timely arrival of our paper in that town, detailed the schemes of a notorious rascal. To keep up with the progress of villainy, business men had better subscribe for our Whig:

For the Knoxville Whig.
MARIES, VA., July 3d 1860.

Mr. Editor:—J. W. Ball made his appearance in this place on Saturday morning last, shortly after the arrival of the Whig from the West. He represented himself as an agent of the General Government for buying horses for the use of the army. In a very short time he had contracted with your friend Dr. Penease for a number of horses, which the firm of which he is a member had on hand. He had also made engagements with others for horses at very remunerative prices. He insisted to purchase one hundred, provided he could do so in one week, and had secured the services of Dr. to assist him in making purchases. By the evening train of the same day, your paper reached here containing Mr. Stout's letter in relation to his conduct at Philadelphia. It was read to him; he stated at once and very frankly that he was the man who had thus acted; but declared it was unavoidable on his part on account of his business, and that he had left the money to pay his bill with his agent. He said he had a large amount of money with him, and had deposited his satchel containing his money in the safe of one of our merchants. On Monday morning he was to settle up for his horses, and start out to purchase others. Those who had sold him horses were congratulating each other at the fine prices at which they had sold; and laughing in their sleeves at the manner in which Uncle Sam's means were to be distributed among our people.

Monday morning dawned, but Mr. Ball was no where to be found. Between the hours of sunset on Sunday, and sunrise on Monday, he had left for parts unknown, leaving his tavern bill unpaid, and those from whom he had purchased horses are wofully disappointed and chop-fallen indeed. His satchel was taken out of the Iron safe and found to contain a few articles of clothing, and some other things of no value. I think our citizens owe you a dozen years subscription to the Whig in advance, and ought certainly to pay Mr. Stout's bill against Ball. To what extent he might have swindled this community, but for your paper, it is impossible to conjecture. So I hope you will continue to pass him around. It is difficult to determine what could have been his object.

MARIES

Col. Bradford Declines.

Wm. M. Bradford, of Jefferson, who was chosen as an Electoral candidate on the Bell and Everett ticket, at the Greeneville Convention, declines serving, on account of his private business affairs, though he is heartily with us the support of our ticket, as we are assured in a private letter. Our friends in that District should at once go to work, and supply his place. They have a half dozen good and true men in the District who would serve with honor to themselves and our cause. We subjoin the following letter of Mr. Bradford:

DANDRIDGE, June 20th 1860.

MESSRS. WM. MCCARN, JNO. CALDWELL and JOS. F. BRAZELTON—Gentlemen: I should have responded to your complimentary note of 20th inst., informing me of the action of the Convention of the "Constitutional Union Party" of that date, at an earlier hour.

At no period of the political history of the country, has there occurred an emergency, which, in my judgment, demands more strenuously the active and patriotic efforts of each citizen, in behalf of the movements of the party to which you are attached, if he would desire to witness the perpetuity of our civil rights.

For many years, the country has been wildly and recklessly agitated, by two powerful factions; who hate, without regard to the interests of the Union, kept the North and the South in a continual constellation.

One of these parties, controlling, as it does, large majorities in the Northern States, seeks to override the decisions of our Supreme Courts—to abolish slavery in the District of Columbia—interdict the slave trade between the States—refuse extension of slavery into any of our public domains, and ultimately, to infringe upon the vested constitutional rights of those States, in which the institutions now exist.

The other party, controlling, as it does, a majority of the Southern States, has ostensibly, but a little more cautiously sought by agitation and inflammatory appeals to Southern pride and prejudice, to prepare the Southern sentiment for the most terrible and suicidal expedients—a dissolution of the glorious Republic. It is important, that these two parties, rivals in political fanaticism and ruin, should be superseded by some party, which will look to the interests of the country, the whole country.

And if a time has ever occurred, when the hearts of patriots should tremble, for the destinies of the people, now so fearfully menaced by these factions—and if those who love the Union, are willing to come to its rescue—and seal the fate of these disunion extremists—now must surely be that time.

The unexpected and unsolicited nomination of the Greeneville Convention, admonished me, that my duty to my country and my personal friends, demanded my acceptance of the Electoral nomination. And I had determined at once, to engage in the contest with energy. And I now regret, more than any act of my life, that important changes in my private business engagements, of an imperative character, demand that I shall recall my determination and decline the contest.

Returning to every member of the Convention, and my friends who have so kindly tendered me the responsible trust, my most grateful acknowledgments,

I remain, very truly
Your ob't. serv't,
W. M. BRADFORD.

The Fire Department.

At a joint meeting of Fountain Fire Company No. 1, and Niagara Fire Company, No. 2, held in Ramseys Hall on the 10th July, 1860, Dr. Jno. Jackson was called the Chair and J. A. Justerman appointed Secretary.

The joint committee appointed by the respective companies at their regular meeting, for the purpose of preparing a suitable address to the corporate authorities of Knoxville, made the following report, viz:

Gentlemen of the Knoxville Fire Companies:

We, the undersigned, a joint committee from your respective Fire Companies, submit for the purpose of reporting for your action, an address to our city authorities, have, after carefully weighing the object of our appointment, embodied the following address as the sentiment of our organization, recommend its adoption:

To the Mayor and Aldermen of Knoxville:

GENTLEMEN: We the undersigned, a joint committee representing the two Fire Companies of Knoxville, would respectfully call your attention to the following statement of facts, with reference to the present condition of our organization.

For years the public interest and popular voice of our city had demanded the formation of a Fire Department. Some eighteen months since with commendable liberality, your body purchased for the city two Fire Engines, and the necessary apparatus, and have since, in the same spirit, supplied the two Engines with new hose. Immediately upon the purchase of the Engines, we organized ourselves into companies, purchased uniforms, mostly at our own expense, commenced paying monthly dues, sacrificing our time and labor for the benefit of the property holders of our city.

With what disinterested zeal and promptness we have repaired to all alarms and fires since our organization, and with what energy we have combatted the devouring element, is known with conciseness and the inhabitants of our city to detecondite. We believe, without boasting that we have promptly, and with at least some efficiency, discharged our duty.

Upon the other hand recent experience and continued observation have demonstrated to us the fact, that we have never received from the great body of the citizens of Knoxville that cordial aid and sympathy which our disinterested efforts have truly merited. Without owning any material interest in the combustible property of the city, with great inconvenience and loss of time and money to ourselves, we have devoted our energies to the maintainance and efficiency of our organization.

Can you expect, nay, is it just, for the Firemen of our city (more than three fourths of whom are not interested to the extent of a single dollar in the perishable property within its limits) to maintain an organization, contributing our time, labor and private funds, all of which will redound exclusively to the benefit of property holders, the latter of whom, who, if they do not greet our humble efforts with smiling countenances and [illegible] are at least supremely indifferent to our success.

To the indifference which most of the [illegible] Insurance Companies, through their [illegible] have exhibited toward our efforts, it is not our province to address you at length, as much as some of them by action, and others by words, have politely intimated that they are amply able to dispense with our services, so far as their interest are concerned.

The corporation of East Knoxville made an appropriation to the Companies, but why they should see proper to attach to it the insignificant condition, that "Engine Houses should first be erected before the appropriation can be drawn," we are unable to divine.

The accompanying exhibit of the financial operations of our respective Companies, since the date of their formation, will show whether we have been extravagant or economical in the administration of our current and regular expenses. Of this you must be the judges. Suffice it to say, that all our monthly dues and fines and voluntary contributions from citizens have not prevented our indebtedness from rapidly increasing. We are willing, nay anxious to maintain our organization, and as heretofore to devote our energies to the interest of our citizens, whenever we are assured that we can do so with justice to ourselves; but are unwilling to continue from year to year to increase an indebtedness which will eventually have to be discharged with our private funds.

In conclusion we submit to your experience, observation and good judgment, whether upon the one hand it will be for the better to maintain our present Fire Department, by aid from you sufficient to discharge our present indebtedness, and by providing for our future expenses, or upon the other hand to return our apparatus to your possession to be sold, and permit the city to trust, as formerly, to Providence for safety. You should judge whether the former or the latter policy will prove most economical to the citizens of Knoxville.

Your prompt action in the premises, which will determine our line of conduct, is earnestly requested. Very respectfully, &c.,

J. W. NEWMAN,
W. M. HOUSE,
JNO. JACKSON,
E. J. SANDFORD,
I. JOSEPH,
JNO. M. PARKER,
Committee.

On motion, the above report was ordered to be published in the Whig and Register.

JNO. JACKSON, Ch'm
J. J. JUSTERMAN, Sec'y.

The Companies represented by Mr. [illegible] pay $50 to each Company but year but have given nothing this year.

Letter from Clinton.

CLINTON, TENN. June 21st, 1860.

Dr. W. G. Brownlow:—Having just returned from the beautiful, recreating mountain country connected with the Cumberland, where I spent the last week, in attendance on the Circuit Court of Scott county, I have concluded to give you what I conceive to be the public success of the Bell and Everett ticket, in that section. I opened no point in seeking out the opinions and feelings of the masses in regard to the Union movement. I was and converted with men of intelligence, members of the bar, ex-members of the Legislature &c. from different parts of the county, eight counties being represented at the above named court, and it is the unanimous opinion of our folks, to use a common term, that Bell and Everett are great and good men, who combine in a pre-eminent degree the qualities requisite to a proper administration of the government—indeed the very best men of the country to select. Our friends are in as good humor with hope looking forth with pleasing anticipations to the result in November. A lawyer of high order of intellect who lives in the west end of this congressional district in speaking of the nomination of Bell and Everett, said that, "The Bell-Everett Convention had done what all our party conventions of late years have been afraid to do, it selected two competent to preside as the Presidential and Vice-Presidential chairs, resting in Bell and Vice-Presidential chairs, resting in the wisdom and patriotism of the voters for their availability. And he continued by saying I will be damned if I had not rather have such men to vote for without any hope of success, than to be only assured that I could elect such dough faced creatures, as old Buchanan, Douglas, and some of the corrupt Democratic Party." Indeed specimens of the Democratic Party